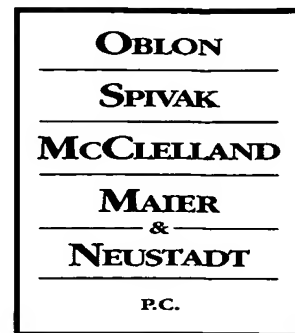




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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A MODIFIED  
ELECTROLYTE AND THE MODIFIED  
ELECTROLYTE  
Group Art Unit: 1752  
Examiner: LE, HOA VAN

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement**

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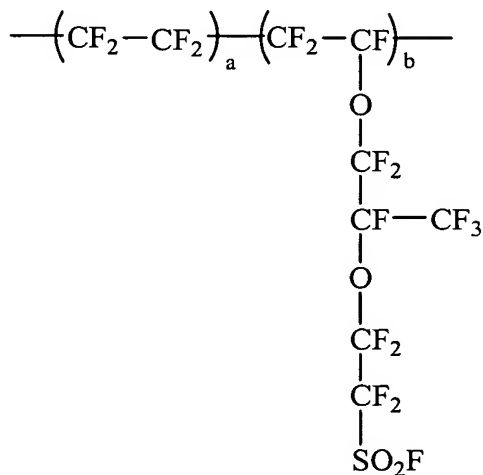
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated June 22, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, **Group I (claims 1-8)** for further prosecution in the above-identified application. Applicants also elect with traverse, the following species for examination purposes only. Claims 1-20 read on the elected species. Applicants elect, with traverse, the following polymer containing electrolyte for examination purposes only:



Applicants also elect, with traverse, ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) for the amine compound, for examination purposes only. Applicants elect, with traverse, trimethylamine for the chemical base, for examination purposes only.

To assist the Examiner, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to Examples 16-22 (pages 55-56) and pages 14, 15, 17-19 and 46 of the specification, in which some exemplary embodiments of the elected species are provided. Although not required for the election, Applicants note that the above elected species can result in the following modified electrolyte:

